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In re the Application of

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Application No.: 09/393,962

Examiner: L. Taylor

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONTROLLING A PRESENTATION USING
PHYSICAL OBJECTS

CONFIRMATION OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the courteous extended to Applicants' representative by
Primary Examiner Karl D. Frech and by Assistant Examiner Larry Taylor during the
February 8, 2001 personal interview.

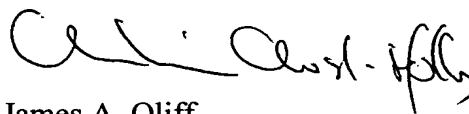
During the interview, Applicants clarified the distinctions submitted in the
Amendment filed January 22, 2001. In particular, Applicants asserted that Baldwin alone or
in combination with Laszlo simply does not disclose, teach or suggest a controller that selects
the at least one presentation element identified by the at one presentation element identifier
and affects the at least one presentation element based on the sense that at least one control
element identifier, as recited in independent claims 1 and similarly recited in claim 9. In
contrast, Applicants point out that Baldwin merely discloses navigation within the document
database providing for forward and backward selection and random access, selection of
documents.

Applicants asserted that Laszlo fails to address all the features of independent claims 1 and 9.

Moreover, Applicants also asserted that Laszlo does not disclose, teach or suggest at least a generator that provides a tangible, sensible identification-carrying device with the at least one control element identifier that identifies the function associated with the at least one controllable element, as recited in independent claim 16 and 17.

During the interview, Examiners Frech and Taylor suggested distinguishing between the control elements and the navigational identifiers. However, Examiners Frech and Taylor agreed to reconsider the application in light of the amendment and the clarifications presented during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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